

SUPERVISOR AYLETT SAYS BRIBE WAS OFFERED HIM

Paving Contract Leads to Charges of Graft. Prompt and Vigorous Denials Brought Forth. Contradictions Come From Everyone Named.

A sensational story of alleged attempted bribery of members of the board of supervisors in connection with the Fort street paving contract was made public in part yesterday through Supervisor Aylett, who announced that Supervisor Ahia had each been offered the sum of sixteen hundred dollars for their votes.

A prompt denial of anything crooked in connection with the attempt to secure a city contract was immediately made by J. A. Gilman, head of the company being formed for the purpose of taking over the contract should it be awarded for the bitulithic scheme.

As an outcome to the story comes the most amazing jumble of charges, denials, contradictions and retractions possible, with the final impression left that an offer of money was actually made to Aylett but made by someone who had not the authority to promise anything or deliver the bribe if accepted.

An investigation of the charges made is probably being commenced at once, either by the supervisors or the grand jury.

The story of alleged graft in connection with the paving contract has been in limited circulation for the past three weeks. Knowledge of it having come to The Advertiser some time ago. The story appeared so preposterous that no credence was placed in it at first and it was not until Friday that it was considered worth while informing Mr. Gilman of the stories being circulated. Gilman, at that time, considered the story too wild to require public refutation.

Aylett's Charges.

Supervisor Aylett called at The Advertiser office yesterday shortly after noon and asked for a private interview with the editor, announcing that he had a confidential communication to make. He was told that if the matter was in connection with the alleged attempt made to bribe him and Supervisor Ahia, the story was already in the office. Mr. Aylett stated that that was the story he wished to tell, saying that he would tell it nevertheless and that, unless it became otherwise known, he would ask that it be treated confidentially. He then related the following:

"I was up paying my taxes when I was approached by a young man—I am not naming names—and he took me to one side. He said: 'Bill, I have sixteen hundred dollars, ten per cent of the paving contract price, and that money is for the one, you or Ahia, who wishes to override the veto of the Mayor. Now, it's up to you. If you vote right, the day after you will get that sixteen hundred in gold coin.'

"I got mad right away. I told him that I was not for sale and that if he had a million dollars he could not get my vote. That I was on the board in the interests of the public and was opposed to the contract on two grounds, one being that the form of contract was wrong, the other that we hadn't the money. He said: 'Well, you know about it. Think it over.' I said that I did not have to think it over and that he had my answer. The next day, Ahia told me that he had been approached in the same way."

"Did Crawford tell you who was he that the offer? Aylett was asked, this being the first time Crawford's name had been mentioned. Thereafter, during the conversation, which lasted half an hour, the name of Crawford took the place of the "young man" reference. Aylett making no objection.

In conclusion of the conversation, Aylett announced: "I believe Joe Gilman is a honest man and is not in this, but I think those others are crooked."

Prior to coming to The Advertiser office, Aylett had called on Mark P. Robinson, P. C. Jones, J. P. Cooke and others, telling the same story, stating that he did not wish to expose the matter at a meeting of the board but wished the business community to know why he could not vote for the contract.

Supervisor Logan Surprised.

Supervisor Logan, who was seen immediately afterwards, stated that he had just heard his first intimation of the story, although Supervisor McCall (Continued on Page Four.)

THE STORY IN BRIEF.

Supervisor Aylett states that he was offered a bribe of sixteen hundred dollars to vote to override the veto of Mayor Fern on the Fort street paving contract.

He states that Supervisor Ahia was made the same offer. Both declined to be bribed.

Aylett intimated that Willie Crawford was the go-between in the attempted bribery.

Ahia, according to statements made by Secretary Rivenburgh, of the Mayor's office, admitted the attempted bribery.

Supervisor Cox informed J. A. Gilman, who heads the company after the paving contract, that Ahia had told of attempts to bribe him. Gilman discussed this charge with Ahia and denounced it.

Yesterday he denied any connection with any attempt to bribe anyone.

Ahia denies that there has ever been an attempt to bribe him, either through Crawford or anyone else and that the story of an offer of money is absolutely new to him.

Crawford denies that he offered anyone anything and states that he was never ever asked by anyone to work for the paving contract.

A. M. Brown, deputy county attorney and a shareholder in the Bitulithic Pavement Company, states that he asked Crawford to see the supervisors and get a majority for the contract. Brown denies any authorization of any offer of money.

Crawford solicited Supervisor McClellan's vote, stating that he was interested in the contract.

Last night, seen for the second time, Aylett refused to say that it was Crawford who had made the bribe proposal, declining to give any name, stating that he was afraid of a libel suit and would have to consult an attorney before divulging the name of the briber.

LAND BOARD ORGANIZES AND ANNOUNCES ITSELF READY

The land board, appointed just before Governor Frear left for Washington, met yesterday afternoon at the office of A. W. Carter to organize, all the members being present except R. H. Trent, who is absent from the Territory.

The commissioners organized by electing A. W. Carter as president and J. F. Brown as secretary. The latter was instructed by the commission to announce to the Governor and the superintendent of public works that the board was organized and ready to consider any business which the government might have to lay before it. The first regular meeting will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

Probably one of the first matters to be considered by the board will be the Kapaia land leases and water licenses, the proposed sale of which was postponed for the purpose of cementing the details which had been negotiated by Governor Frear and Superintendent Campbell prior to the passage of the law creating the board.

SCHUYLER OF OPINION THAT TIME IS NEAR

Work on the new brigade post at Lihoua may be commenced in about four months, although the date is not definite. Colonel Walter Schuyler, Fifth Cavalry, who returned yesterday from Washington and New York, per the transport Logan, stated last evening that he learned nothing new, particularly, about the post while he was in Washington, except to discover that the differences between the war department and the Dowsett Ranch Company, which had a long lease on a part of the reservation lands, on which the new post is to be erected, had not yet been adjusted. There is a sort of treaty between the war department and the ranch people, but the terms have not been settled, and until the judge advocates and other officials finish with the papers, work will not be started.

However, Colonel Schuyler feels that work may be under way in about four months. The \$250,000 appropriated last year to commence the work will not lapse at the end of the fiscal year, which will be at the close of this month, but will be available whenever the government decides to start the great work.

ATCHERLEY GIVEN CHANCE TO TALK

Whereupon Mrs. Atcherley Proceeded to Tell What Honolulu Had Done to Her.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—Dr. John Atcherley appeared before the hospital and health committee of the supervisors yesterday in his own defense against the charges of insanity preferred against him in Honolulu. It would be more correct to say that Mrs. Atcherley appeared in his behalf, for she did most of the talking, and did it exceedingly well—so well, in fact that the committee was induced to rescind a portion of its former action and again send the question to the board of health, with the request that Atcherley be given a hearing before that board, and also that some means be devised to retain him as ministrant to the leper colony at the Isolation Hospital.

Atcherley and his wife, who is a full-blooded Hawaiian, accompanied by Miss Sarah Fry, came loaded with armfuls of documents, purporting to show that his incarceration at Honolulu and the refusal of the board of health in that city to allow him to continue to treat the leper patients were prompted by professional jealousies and a disinclination to have any curtailment in the \$250,000 annually appropriated by the Hawaiian government for the use of the leper colonies, which, said Mrs. Atcherley, would be the result had her husband been allowed to continue his treatments, as he claimed to have found a cure for the loathsome disease.

"We have never concealed the insanity matter," said Mrs. Atcherley. "Why should we? It is a matter of public record. The doctors in Honolulu said Doctor Atcherley was an incurable paranoiac, dangerous to be at large, yet they did not hesitate to send this 'dangerous lunatic' together with his family, to San Francisco. If he was a danger there, he is a greater here, yet you can see for yourselves that he is no more insane than the members of this honorable board."

Mrs. Atcherley charged that the whole Honolulu matter was prompted by an effort of outsiders to get hold of property belonging to her in the Islands, valued at \$100,000, the title to which had been vested in her by the Hawaiian courts, and which is now an appeal in the Supreme Court of the United States.

A commissioner Murray of the board of health, who was present, said there would be no objection to having Atcherley appear before the board and present his case at the meeting to be held a week from tomorrow afternoon, which was the final disposition of the matter, together with the recommendation for Atcherley's retention above referred to.

WILL BE HARD TO GET MONEY

Appropriation for Extension of Mahuka Site Seems Doubtful.

By Ernest G. Walker. (Mail Special to The Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, June 2.—This is the fog end of the congressional period for Hawaiian news and the local activities are on the wane. Some matters, however, have been under consideration.

Of most importance to Honolulu probably is the discussion of a further purchase of land as a site for the federal building. It has been suggested that the remainder of the block in which is the site for the building should become the property of the government. Delegate Kalaniana'ole and Mr. McClellan have been consulting with the authorities about this, but nothing definite has been decided. It will require quite an appropriation and as the public building bill will not carry a large total this year it will be exceptionally difficult to obtain any very large appropriation thereon for Hawaii.

The bill for the suspension of the coastwise shipping law is still on the calendar but efforts are being made to get it considered at this session.

The Delegate and Mr. McClellan have been to the war department in recent days to urge some expedition in the construction of the Leilehua cavalry post. The money for the construction of this post was appropriated two years ago but the department is hesitating over several questions, such as whether the post should be a closed quadrangle or detached buildings and whether the buildings should be of wood or concrete. The secretary of war and the chief of staff have indicated a willingness to make some inquiries about the delays but have made no specific promises to expedite the work.

The delegate and Mr. McClellan have also consulted with General Marshall, chief of engineers, about expediting the improvement work on Kahului harbor and Hilo harbor. These projects are appropriated for in the river and harbor bill which is about to go to the President for his signature.

The President, as is already known in Hawaii, has signed the Organic Act bill and it is now a law.

OFFICIALS ARE IN UGLY DEALINGS

Friars Lands Being Picked Up by Members of Commission and Relatives.

WASHINGTON, June 13.—Sale of the Friars lands in the Philippines came into prominence again today following charges of malfeasance in office, by Congressman Martin of Colorado, based on information sent from the war department showing that Executive Secretary Frank W. Carpenter of the Philippines Commission, and E. L. Worcester, nephew of Commissioner Dean L. Worcester, had leased and bought Friars lands. Immediately following the presentation of this information Congressman Martin introduced a resolution charging malfeasance in office.

MONTREAL, Quebec, June 13.—Twenty are dead and thirty injured as the result of a fire today that destroyed the building of the Montreal Herald. The loss will total \$200,000.

OPEN LETTER TO THE PEOPLE ON THE LIQUOR QUESTION

This question lies on us individually and as a people from these few days up to the election day, and what will be the correct answer that we will get for our day?

Should the prohibition side win, the certain result will be that our legislature will be thereby ordered to enact law prohibiting liquor in accordance with the joint resolution of congress, in the best way for the interest of the people?

Should those who are opposing prohibition triumph at the election, but they will go ahead until the victory that is certainly awaiting them in the end.

On the night of the 25th of May last, the committee of one hundred and more formulated the platform of the prohibition side, and on that platform they will fight to victory on the election day of July coming.

Oh you people, this is a test question for us. By voting right on this question of liquor, will prove that we are to be trusted to vote with wisdom, worthy of good and honest American citizens; but if we do not exercise our powers by voting right on this question, and the conscience of the voters are led astray, by voting for liquor, it is certain that danger is at the door of the Territory of Hawaii now.

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SOCIALISTS TALK TO GRAND JURY

Agitators May Themselves Be Agitated Over Russian Row.

Four of the leading Socialists of the Honolulu section were called before the federal grand jury yesterday morning. This statement is significant, in view of the announcement that has been made that the Socialists of New York have decided to make an investigation into Russian "peonage" in Hawaii and that they have succeeded in stirring up quite a fuss over the matter throughout the States.

Three of those who were before the grand jury yesterday were Harry Culman, the jeweler; Joseph Whittle, the sign painter who hung the Japanese conspiracy jury; and J. Lightfoot, the lawyer. J. Rosenstein was called but the grand jury adjourned before he arrived.

Just what the subject of investigation was it is impossible to learn, but in view of the fact that the Socialists are the ones who are making the trouble in the States over the alleged ill-treatment of the Russians, it is easy to make a fairly good guess as to the line along which the inquisitors are inquiring.

The Socialists' agitation, of course, will have negative results so far as positive information is concerned, but it may stir up a federal investigation of Hawaiian immigration methods. But the act of the federal grand jury of Hawaii indicates that some of the Hawaiian Socialists are themselves to be investigated and if they have not walked in the straight and narrow path they may be in trouble before they know it.

It is understood that one of the most prominent Socialists of Honolulu came to Hawaii because he had to on account of having made the remark in another city when President McKinley was killed, that it served McKinley right.

It is known that some of the testimony given before the grand jury yesterday was of a most interesting nature, and important developments are expected.

LIVES LOST IN AUTOMOBILE SMASH

NORTH YAKIMA, June 14.—In a collision last night between a train and an automobile, two women passengers in the auto were killed and two others were fatally injured.

FURTHER MYSTERY IN CASTLE MURDER

COMO, Italy, June 13.—Further mystery was added to the sensational murder case of Mrs. Neville Castle yesterday, when the dead body of Charleston, her companion in Italy, was also found. The body was floating in the waters of Lake Como. On Friday last the mutilated body of Mrs. Castle was discovered in a trunk floating on the water.

BIG CAR, WRONG SIDE, SMASHUP

The big seven-seater Packard car of Chauffeur Miller, No. 524, smashed into car 366, the light Buick car of Dr. Lane, surgeon of the United States Navy, stationed at the naval station, yesterday afternoon, at the intersection of Lamaha and Victoria streets, ruining the small car. In the Buick were Dr. and Mrs. Lane, neither of whom, however, were hurt. In the Packard car were five passengers and the driver. The accident was due to the negligence of Chauffeur Miller, who came down Victoria street toward Lamaha on the left hand side of the street and continued his course on the wrong side until he reached the car tracks.

Dr. Lane was traveling up Victoria street on the right hand side, the proper side, but directly in the path of the big descending machine. When near Lamaha street Dr. Lane took the only course to keep out of harm's way, and circled over toward the left of the street but in the direction of the right upper side of Lamaha street, his movements being in exact accord with the system of accurate street crossings for autos. After swinging over the Pack and car came over the car tracks and then swung to its right. This maneuver caused the big machine to catch the Buick directly and crushing off the wheels, breaking in the sides, and practically raising the car, the only damage to the Packard being bent lamps.

The accident was witnessed by several people. While the cars were locked Dr. Lane secured a two foot rule, and with United States Court Clerk Gus Murphy taking notes, he measured off the various distances, showing clearly by the wheel tracks of both cars that Miller's car was traveling on the wrong, and Dr. Lane's on the right side of the street and that Dr. Lane was caught while endeavoring to get away from the bigger machine. Miller stated to an Advertiser reporter that he kept on the left side of the street to avoid going over the manhole on the upper side of the tracks.

RACE RIOT IN LUMBER CAMP

White Lumber Mill Hands Drive Japanese Out of Camp in Washington

ORDERED NOT TO RETURN

Japanese Outnumbered Make No Resistance—Worked for Less Than Whites.

DARRINGTON, Washington, June 14.—Racial troubles between the Japanese laborers in the lumber mills here and the white sawyers and cutters came to a head yesterday, when the whites attacked the Japanese and drove them from their work. The Japanese, being outnumbered, made little resistance. Following the assault of the afternoon, the whites last evening rounded up all the Japanese in the lumber camps, placed them aboard the train and ordered them to leave and never return.

The trouble between the races came about through the Japanese accepting work at less pay than their white competitors, gradually replacing the whites in many of the positions. The whites, who are organized into unions, have been muttering for some time.

TARIFF BOARD WILL HAVE ITS FUND

WASHINGTON, June 13.—The sundry civil bill passed the senate today, and the item of \$250,000 appropriation for the tariff board was retained, as agreed by the insurgent senators.

FLEW NEARLY MILE FROM GROUND

American Aviator Breaks World's Record for Height—Other Auto Records.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 14.—Walter Brookings, in a Wright biplane, broke the world's record for high flying here yesterday, reaching an altitude of four thousand, three hundred and eighty-four feet.

G. L. Bumbaugh had an accident with his aeroplane, which broke down when he was only ten feet off the ground. The machine smashed on the ground and was wrecked, the gasoline catching fire. Before the flames could be extinguished the machine was destroyed.

New Eastern Records.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Aviator Hamilton made the trip today from Governors Island, New York, to Philadelphia and return by biplane and added a new laurel to the heavier than air machines.

From Governors Island to Philadelphia, Hamilton made the trip without a stop on the outward trip in one hour and fifty minutes. On the return trip he was forced to make a landing at Perth Amboy in order to correct some trouble with his motor, but completed the return trip at the same relative speed. He won a \$10,000 prize offered by a newspaper.

PRINCE FUSHIMI WILL NOT BE HERE

BOSTON, June 14.—Prince Fushimi, No Miya, the cousin of the Emperor of Japan, who with his wife have been making a leisurely tour of the world, will not return to Japan by way of San Francisco, as had been intended. The itinerary of the return trip has been changed and the Prince and Princess will now sail from Seattle on the twentieth.

CLODBURST BRINGS DEATH TO MANY

COLOGNE, Germany, June 14.—A clodburst in the Ahr Valley yesterday brought on a disastrous flood, which did a great amount of damage to property and brought death to one hundred and fifty people. The Ahr river rose to flood height, the waters coming so rapidly that people in the lowlands were cut off and drowned.